

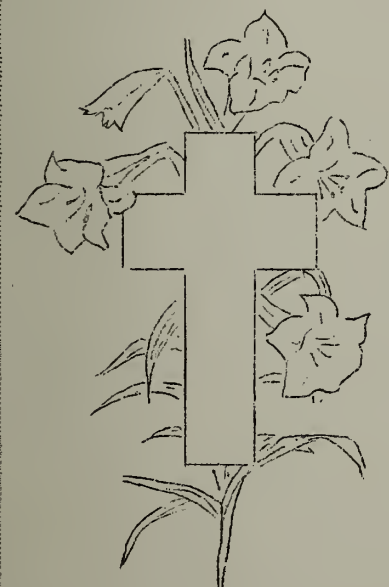
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NEWNESS OF LIFE

Last summer one of the boys came to me with this query, "Dad, what Bible verse would you use to express our camp motto?" We had a chat I'll never forget.

Several verses were dug up and dug into before we fixed upon "newness of life" or "newness of spirit" as the most fitting, both expressions of the aggressive Apostle Paul, who not only taught them to others, but lived them himself. "My own self at my very best all the time" - the camp motto; "walk in newness of life, serve in newness of spirit" - the Bible counsel.

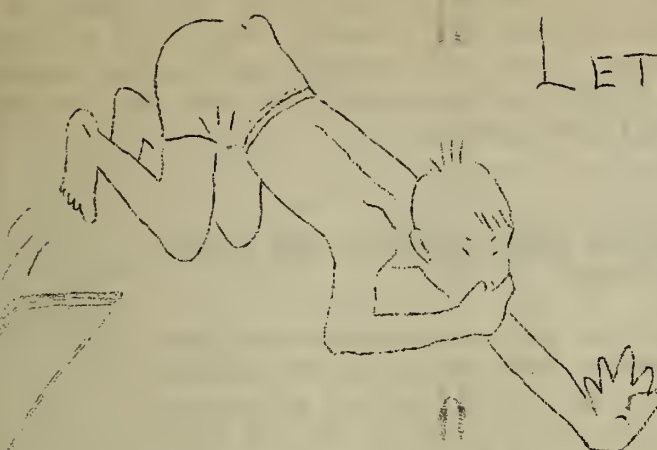
Then, too, Paul alone uses this particular appeal to "newness," and he only twice. "Walk in the newness of life," (Rom. 6:4), conduct yourself in the new "Way" of living is his admonition to each individual; and "serve in newness of spirit" (Rom. 7:6) is his advice to all who would be doers of the words that still echo from the shores of Galilee.

And to us our Galilee shouts, (or is it simply a whisper?) "Walk in the newness of life" in which Mother Nature arrays herself at this resplendent season; to which our Father God responds with His Easter benediction: "Serve in newness of spirit" as there can be fruitage only when there is new growth.

Each one of us Jesus is asking, "What are you doing more than others?" (Matt. 5:47) Can we blend our reply with his: "Look! I am making all things new." (Rev. 21:5)

- R. A. WAITE "Dad"

LET'S DIVE RIGHT IN!



And sure enough, the water in Stony Lake will be clear and blue and cool - just right for that first dip when we gather at Miniwanca on Wednesday, June 18!

We often think of all you Miniwanca campers and wonder if you have been in the swim of things this year. What kind of a "splash" are you making at school, in your home, in your Scout Troop, at church?....

If you're a real Miniwanca fellow, I know you haven't been sitting on the dock this year. No sirrreee! You've been right there, giving your best in leadership, helping out whenever you could, and living every day according to our Miniwanca way.

And now - it's April. Before you know it, you'll be packing your trunk and duffel bag, and then, quicker than you can wink your eye, we'll all be back together again at Miniwanca. It's going to be a great season - our 23rd year of camping in Younger Boys Camp. Lots of the old-time campers are registered, and there will be some fine new fellows and leaders, too. The camp is already fully registered (we closed the gates on February 12th - the earliest closing date in the history of YB camp) and now we're adding names of new fellows to our waiting list. There is a 50-50 chance that we may be able to accept them for camp as we have cancellations a little later on. Of course, we're hoping hard that you will be able to hold on to your place and be with us at Miniwanca this summer. But if you know now that you'll not be able to make it this year, please let us know right away so that one of the boys on the waiting list may have your place.

There'll be surprises a-plenty at Miniwanca this summer, along with the many traditions that have made our YB Camp what it is. You'll probably be thinking about some of those things when you begin to pack for camp. Be sure to tuck in a costume if you have one. It will come in handy for stunt nights, Council Circles, our famous (!) plays, and what have you. And of course, we're always glad to have a donation or two for the costume room at camp...Don't forget your musical instrument, either! If there are enough instruments in camp, we'll have another Miniwanca band. And of course, there'll be lots of times when you'll want to play in Four-Way Lodge, in your tent, for Friendly Councils, and for special occasions like the Banquet...If you'll want to do any Scout work this summer, be sure to bring along your Scout test materials. This summer Camp Miniwanca will again be fully accredited by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to pass fellows on their Scout tests, so if you need any special equipment, bring it along and "Be Prepared."...And say, how's that fishing tackle? There are plenty of big fellows in Stony Lake, and in the quiet holes of Stony Creek you could get some really big bass if you're good enough to land 'em. Bring along that fish line and give it a try anyway!...Cameras, (we have a real dark room at Miniwanca!) hobby materials, (there are tools in our Craft House to help you in your craft work) and books or magazines (if you like to read during rest hour) will all be welcome, so if you have any of these items, tuck them into the corner of your trunk or duffel, and bring them with you to camp.

Well, it won't be long now! We'll have everything ready for you to start having fun the minute you arrive at Miniwanca on June 18th. And we've ordered a bright, sunny day for the occasion.

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P. G. Orwig, Director, American Youth Foundation

JOE WHITWAM will again direct the Younger Boy and Pre-Senior camps for the summer of 1952. We know this will be good news to both campers and leaders. This will be Joe's tenth season as Director of Younger Boys Camp. With Joe's leadership and the mighty fine group of leaders who will be back this summer, we know the 1952 camp will be the best yet! And here's a letter from our good friend Joe...

Hi Gang!

Just a few weeks and we will be heading for Camp Miniwanca and another great summer of camping in Younger Boys Camp.

We want to extend a hearty welcome to all of you old campers and leaders. It will be good to greet you again in '52 for our five weeks of fun and fellowship together. Also, here is a very special welcome to our new leaders who will share with us the happy times of YB. We look forward to sharing with you in the leadership of the Younger Boys Camp. You are heading for the most challenging five weeks of your life.

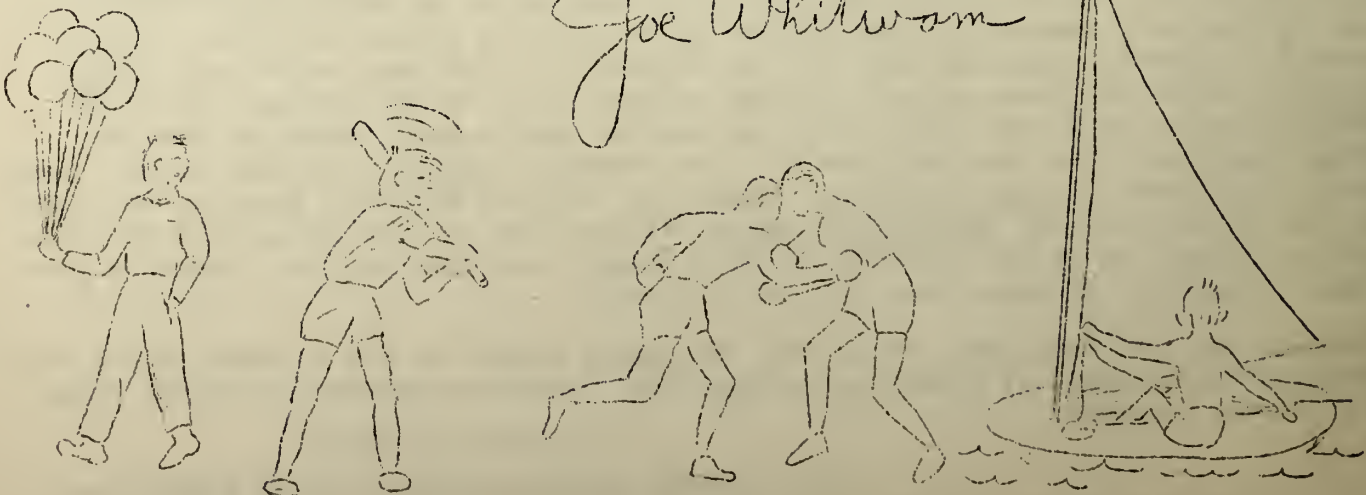
Now to you, the new campers of '52, a real warm welcome from all of us as you come to Miniwanca to play, to swim, to grow, to learn, to find new experiences, to make new friends from all over the country, to enter into the competition where every boy takes part and no one sits on the side lines, and to worship in God's great out-of-doors. It would take this whole issue of your "Trail" to tell you of all the thrilling, new, different, and happy activities of your summer in camp. Come prepared to take part in a full, rich program that is planned for you.

We all look forward to meeting old friends and making new friends, and then taking part together in the camp program. Remember the tribal games, interest groups, swimming, boating, special days like the Fourth of July and County Fair Day, vespers on the dune, and so many, many other programs that we can't list them all. At Miniwanca you'll find all of this, plus another group of surprises, as every summer brings new things to do.

The very best of everything to all of you as you draw near the end of your school year. Get those grades up, take part in the activities of your Sunday School and Church. Be a real leader in your school and community. Keep living up to your Miniwanca standards, and give your very best - wherever you are.

We will be greeting one another soon for five grand weeks together on the sand dunes!

Joe Whitwam



Did you ever wonder what Miniwanca is like in the winter? Our good friend, DON PIERCE, who has been working at Miniwanca all year long, can tell us something about it.

Hi Fellows...Greetings from Miniwanca! This winter has really been an experience for me. I have always wanted to see Miniwanca in the winter and have tried to imagine Stony Lake covered with ice, and the camp grounds all covered with snow. Take it from me, it's a beautiful sight. Wouldn't it be fun to have a winter camp sometime when we could have tobogganing on Old Baldy, skiing on the dunes, ice hockey on Stony Lake has been covered with ice since the beginning of December. The skating has not been too good, as there has been so much snow on the ice. It is really a sight to stand on the pavement in front of the Assembly and see all the fish shanties on Stony. It's quite different than in summer when the sailboats are out on the lake and fellows are swimming near the docks.

You old campers remember my jeep and how it would turn up in all kinds of places. Well, it has really been a life saver this winter. I got stuck in the snow only once, and that was when I tried to go through a four foot snow bank that drifted over the road. But with a little shoveling I made it out OK.

As I was walking through the camp grounds last week, I saw many tracks of various animals, and in many cases I saw them playing right there in the snow. There were also many birds along the trails, but not 'til today did I see the first sign of spring. On my way to breakfast this morning, I was greeted by a cherry-breasted ROBIN singing in the tree outside of Sunset View Cottage where I am living. It sure was good to see and hear him. Then there's another sign of spring - the days are beginning to get a bit longer. It has been rather warm the last few days and the snow is slowly melting now. Do you realize that in just a little more than three months, you'll all be climbing the 112 (or is it 113?) steps to the Assembly?

I was in St. Louis about a month ago and had a swell talk with Wadjepe. He mentioned some of the old leaders who are coming back this summer, and boy - is it going to be a honey of a season! You new fellows are in for one of the best summers in your life! I hope to be around to do what I can to keep things rolling along smoothly.

I guess this is enough for now. Hit your studies hard so you will be ready for another full summer of fun and fellowship with a swell bunch of campers and leaders. See you all in June!

Don

A MESSAGE FROM MINISINO

THAT LITTLE EXTRA!...When I was sixteen I came to St. Louis to go to school. It was a mile from my boarding house to school. A teacher, who lived near, and I would start for school at the same time every morning. But he always beat me. Even then I didn't want to be beaten. I tried all the short cuts. Day after day, however, he arrived ahead of me. Then I discovered how he did it. When he came to each street crossing, he would run to the other curb. Just "that little extra" put him ahead.

Stan Musial became the world's greatest batter. Was it an accident? No. When the others had left the practice field, Stan was out there swinging at balls - to perfect his eye. Stan worked at it a little harder than the other fellow - "that little extra." Someone asked Jack Dempsey what it took to be a champion. He replied: "When you are on the floor with your nose all bloody, can you get off the floor and fight one more round? If you can, you have the making of a champion." "That little extra."

It's "that little extra" that makes winners. A winner never quits. A quitter never wins. "That little extra" insures progress for each one of us. An extra mile - a brighter smile - another good book - a greater belief in Him - keep all of us growing

Wm H Danforth

Wm. H. Danforth "Minisino"

FROM THE MAILBAG -



Hi campers...I hope you are all ready for five weeks of living in fellowship. All you new campers can sure make a lot of new friends at Miniwanca...I'm sure looking forward to swimming in Lake Michigan and the suppers along the beach. The Sable hike to the lighthouse will be a big thrill to you new campers, and the night on the dunes with your tent mates will be something to look forward to. The special days such as Founty Fair Day, Topsy-Turvy Day and others will be a grand experience for all you campers. Miniwanca is something you'll never forget as long as you live. Just to show how much I think of Miniwanca, I gave up a trip to the west coast and a stay in California to go back to camp this summer. I'm sure I'll never regret it.

STEVE OBERBECK - St. Louis, Mo.

Hi there gang...I'm hoping to see lots of you old campers back this year. After all, it takes the old fellows to help make the new boys real campers!...I'm looking forward to hearing Kodaya's poems and his songs this year. Bet he'll have some new ones!...Along with Dad, Joe, Charlie, Wadjepi and all of the others, I still want to see the fish in Squaw Bay this year. I also would like to catch a few!

EDWIN "Pete" GRAY - Champaign, Ill.

Hi fellas...I'm counting the hours until I can get back to Miniwanca and see all my old pals. I am also anxious to meet new boys, and I know I'll make some swell friends this summer. See you all soon!

DICK LYMAN - East Lansing, Mich.

Dear Wadjepi and All...I think of all the appealing interest at camp, perhaps the one that I enjoy most of all is the boating on Stony. I have been sailing to and fro across the lake for a good many years now, and I find it more enjoyable every time I return. Sailing offers such wonderful relaxation that I can never stay away from it too long. Here's hoping we all have smooth sailing this summer.

FRANK HUTCHINS - Berea, Ky.

Hi gang...I'm glad I am going to be back at camp this summer. It will be swell to see all you fellows, and I just can't wait to get my feet in the good ole Miniwanca sand!...Hope you fellows are all well and are coming back to camp. See you on the 18th of June!

FRED LUDWIG - Port Huron, Mich.

Dear Friends...I'm writing this note to tell you about some of the things I am looking forward to in this coming camp season. First of all, I want to see all my old friends and renew all of my acquaintances of past summers. I'm also looking forward to meeting new friends at Miniwanca this year. This year I'm hoping to pick up bigger and better ideals from all that the American Youth Foundation offers...Last, but not least, I'm looking forward to the activities from dawn til evening! All in all, I'm expecting to have a grand time at Camp Miniwanca in '52.

CHARLES HUNTINGTON -
Spartanburg, South Carolina



Dear Campers...It sure is good to be writing all you fellows...Right now our eighth graders are giving an operetta - "The Mikado." I have the part of Nanki-Poo in it. I have had a lot of fun in school this year, and I've been playing a lot of basketball...I know there will be a wonderful bunch of guys up at Miniwanca this summer, and I am looking forward to another grand year at camp.

WAYNE GIVENS - Riverside, Illinois

Hi...I have been playing basketball, baseball, and football this year. I have made the baseball team, too! I have had fun playing football and basketball, and I am really looking forward to baseball this spring...I enjoy looking back over the pictures I took at Miniwanca. They remind me of all the happy times I had at camp. I plan to have a good time at camp again this year...I hope everybody is as fine as I am. See you in June.

GODFREY PFLAGER - St. Louis, Mo.

Hi Campers...Are you ready to start another five weeks at camp sailing, hiking, swimming, fishing, and getting a good tan? Remember the nights out on the beach together around your fire telling stories and laughing? And remember how Mother Nature made a liar out of the Muskegon weather man the day of the Pt. Sable hike? I could go on all day "remembering." It takes five whole weeks to tell all about Miniwanca, so come on you campers, old and new, this year you'll have adventures of your own to tell about. See you - come June - at Miniwanca!

HURLEY ZOOK - Louisiana, Missouri

Dear Gang...I'm really looking forward to camp this summer very much. I am in a Scout Troop here in La Grange, and I'm hoping to continue my Scouting at camp next year...I see Bill Schubert almost every day. He and I played in a concert at school Friday, March 28th. He plays the cornet, and I play the violin...See you all on the 18th of June! I'm looking forward to the County Fair day especially.

BILL LATTA - La Grange, Illinois

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FLASH! NEWS OF YB CAMPERS!

A recent issue of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat carried a very nice picture of GARY ROSENGREEN, who was one of the winners of a baseball quizz contest held at the annual father-son dinner at his church. Gary and the three other winners each received a major league baseball and a season pass to the St. Louis Browns' games.

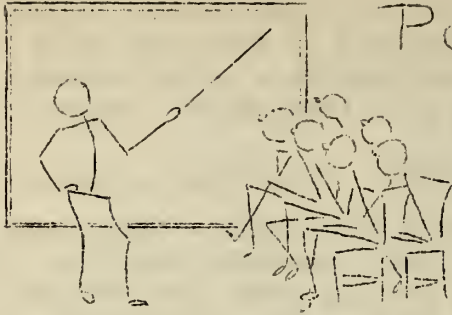
JACK McNULTY and one of his friends will spend this summer in Europe. They plan to travel by bicycle or motor scooter through Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg, France, and Italy. (We'll miss you at Miniwanca, Jack, but we wish you and your friend a good summer and good wheeling!

EDWIN "Pete" GRAY has certainly been "go-

ing to town" in Miniwanca leadership this year. He played on the sophomore squad of the Champaign (Ill) High School. The boys won all their games and are ready to play on the high school team next fall. Pete has also kept his grades up and has been active in Junior Church activities. Incidentally, within three weeks after he came home from camp last year, he earned his entire camp fee for 1952 as a member of a select crew doing hand pollination of De Kalb Hybrid corn. (Good going, Pete!)

A few weeks ago DICK LYMAN and JOE WHITMAN had a good visit at the Niles-East Lansing basketball game. Dick was a starter with the East Lansing five, and Joe was accompanying the team from Niles.

With the greatest regret we report the death of George Harper, 1951 YB camper from Amlin, Ohio. George died as a result of a school bus accident which occurred just before the Christmas holidays. He was a real Miniwanca fellow - active in Scouts and school activities and president of the young people's group at his church. He especially liked riding his pet pony. Our sincere sympathy to George's family in the loss of their splendid boy.



POINTERS FOR PARENTS

Here are a few things you'll want to talk over in advance with Mother and Dad.

CAMP LUGGAGE: A little later on, full information will be sent to parents regarding camp clothes and equipment. Some campers like to use duffel bags and suitcases; others prefer to send equipment to camp in small, flat steamer trunks or foot lockers. Some fathers have made stout wooden boxes with hinges and padlock, and this is a very good idea. Whatever a camper may use for his equipment and clothing, it should not be more than 13" high so it can slip under a camp cot. We do not have facilities at camp for handling large wardrobe trunks.

LAUNDRY: Again this year we would like to suggest the use of laundry mailing cases. Parents may then mail a box of fresh laundry to the camper each week. We have found that this is the safest way to ship laundry, and the majority of our campers have been following this plan. Arrangements can be made with a small laundry near the camp to do a limited number of bundles each week for campers whose parents find it impossible to have the laundry sent home. It is not necessary to write in advance in regard to having laundry done locally. All laundry arrangements are explained in detail to the campers.

CAMP INSURANCE: The plan of having summer insurance for our campers has been in operation for several years now, and again we give this plan our very hearty approval. The insurance cost is low - \$3.50 for the five week camping term, with a 48 hour travel coverage both ways. It also covers trips away from camp under camp direction. No one anticipates accidents or illness, and at Camp Miniwanca we take every precaution to insure the health and safety of the campers. Our record along this line is an enviable one, and we shall do everything we can to keep it so. However, we feel that insurance coverage of this kind is very desirable protection, and we strongly urge that every camper be covered by the accident and health insurance. Full details will be sent later to parents, including the name and address of the company to which all applications should be sent.

TRAVEL PLANS: Complete travel information will be sent later to the parents of all registered campers. Many travel by car. Generally, the supervised travel groups will leave St. Louis, points in Ohio, Ky, West Virginia, and Illinois on Tuesday, June 17th. Most of the travel groups converge in Chicago where they take the late afternoon Chesapeake and Ohio train to Muskegon, Michigan, arriving there about 9:30 P.M. Eastern campers travel through Detroit to Muskegon. We make arrangements for the travel group to spend the night in the Occidental Hotel in Muskegon. Campers are picked up early the next morning (June 18th) and taken by chartered Greyhound buses on into camp.

MARKING CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT: We suggest that the camper's name be on all articles of clothing and equipment. This is important! We recommend name labels for clothing and bedding. These may be purchased at notion counters of department stores. ("Iron-on" type is easiest to use.) Flashlights, tennis rackets, and other articles can be marked with adhesive tape name labels. For check-up purposes, we suggest a duplicate list of clothing and equipment - one copy to be brought to camp by the camper, the other to be kept at home.

ATTENTION ST. LOUIS PARENTS: A get-together of campers and parents will be held on Saturday, May 10th from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. at Ivanhoe Lodge. We suggest that you mark the date now and plan to be with us. Full details will be sent later.

Welcome New Campers

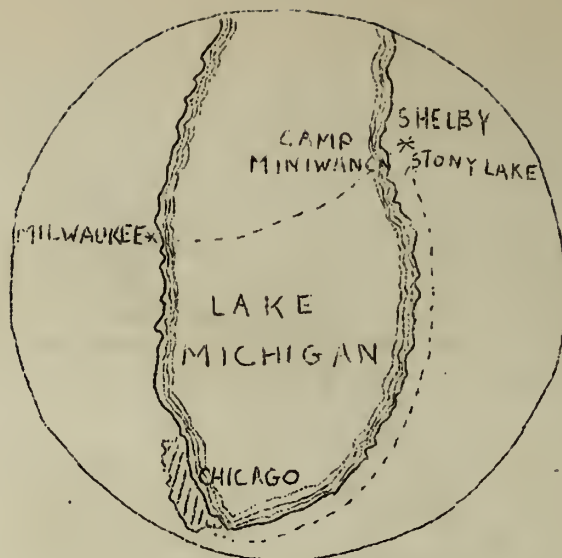
And now for a great, big "HI THERE FELLA" to these swell new campers who are coming to Miniwanca this summer! We'll be saying a big WELCOME to you in person when we all get together on the sand dunes! In the meantime, how about checking this list, you old timers. Do any of these new fellas live near you? If they do, be sure to tell them about camp and how to pack their gear.

BUD ABIKO - St. Louis, Mo.
 CHARLES ANDREWS - Greenville, Mich.
 HERBERT ATHERTON - Ladue, Mo.
 CHRISTOPHER BAEYER - Shaker Heights, Ohio
 DAVID BEATTY - Winnetka, Ill.
 RICHARD BELL - Richmond Heights, Mo.
 DAVID BENEDICT - Charleston, W. Va.
 ROBERT BOWMAN - Canton, Ohio
 ROBERT BRANDENBURGER - Clayton, Mo.
 ROBERT BRICKER - Ladue, Mo.
 HARRY CARAY - Webster Groves, Mo.
 BERTRAM CHALFANT - Nashville, Tenn.
 RICHARD CHAMPE - Toledo, Ohio
 DAVID COCKS - Edwardsville, Ill.
 DONALD CRABTREE - Shaker Heights, Ohio
 DAVID DAY - Paris, Illinois
 LLOYD DOERBAUM - Richmond Heights, Mo.
 BILL DONGES - Xenia, Ohio
 CHARLES ELLIOTT - Kansas City, Mo.
 TRUMAN ESMOND - Walnut, Illinois
 ROBERT FEARS - Princeton, Ky.
 JIMMY FISHER - Ashland, Ky.
 RODNEY FLEDDERJOHN - Arcanum, Ohio
 RONALD FOX - Green Springs, Ohio
 DAVID FROSCHAUER - Harvey, Ill.
 BENJAMIN GARDNER - Ladue, Mo.
 ROBERT GARRIGUS - Lexington, Ky.
 CHARLES GORHAM - Milwaukee, Wis.
 JOHN GREENLEE - LaGrange, Ill.
 RICHARD HARRAH - Toledo, Ohio
 EDWARD HARRIS - Richmond, Ind.
 HALL HARRISON - Clayton, Mo.
 JERRY HAZLEWOOD - Shaker Heights, Ohio
 MARK HEARNE - St. Louis, Mo.
 LEE HENSON - LaGrange, Ill.
 MURRAY HOCKER - Clayton, Mo.
 THOMAS HUBBARD - Shaker Heights, Ohio
 STEVEN HULL - Richmond, Ind.
 WALTER HURLEY - Birmingham, Mich.
 ROBERT HUTTO - Clayton, Mo.

PAUL HUNKER - Kirkwood, Mo.
 PETER HURLEY - Birmingham, Mich.
 PAUL JOHNSON - LaGrange, Ill.
 JOHN KENNEDY - Richmond, Ind.
 SAMUEL KENNEDY - Richmond, Ind.
 JON LARSON - St. Louis, Mo.
 JOHN LEADER - Richmond Heights, Mo.
 JAMES LONGSTREET - Webster Groves, Mo.
 ROBERT MCKNIGHT - East Lansing, Mich.
 ROLLY MEINHOLTZ - Tulsa, Okla.
 BRUCE MENKE - Webster Groves, Mo.
 PETER MEYER - Galesburg, Ill.
 JOEL MILLIKAN - Ashland, Ky.
 KEVIN MORRIN - St. Louis, Mo.
 BILL MULVIHILL - Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 JOHN MURPHY - Riverside, Ill.
 JOHN NOOTBAAR - Pasadena, Calif.
 HUGH NUTTING - Midland, Mich.
 JAMES OTTO - Webster Groves, Mo.
 JAMES PATTON - Clayton, Mo.
 JOHN PEARCE - Marquette, Mich.
 JAMES PICKERING - Lancaster, Ohio
 MICHAEL POWERS - Hart, Mich.
 JOHN RATHBONE - Shaker Heights, Ohio
 DAVID REYNOLDS - Lansing, Mich.
 DAVID RICHARDS - Shaker Heights, Ohio
 NORMAN SCHEFFLER - Richmond, Ind.
 JULIUS SEIDEL - University City, Mo.
 BAYARD SHAVER - Wayzata, Minn.
 RENNORD SINDING - Wynnewood, Pa.
 RALPH SPELLMAN - Indianapolis, Ind.
 DAVID STIER - Cleveland, Ohio
 FREDERICK TWICHELL - Charleston, W. Va.
 JOSEPH TWICHELL - Charleston, W. Va.
 DONALD WALKER - Webster Groves, Mo.
 GEOFFREY WARD - Durham, N. C.
 ROBERT WAY - Galesburg, Ill.
 RICHARD WAYNE - Hinsdale, Ill.
 BENJAMIN WEIL - Clayton, Mo.
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